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**Win or lose:
No regrets**



Clowns, Rocket, left and Sheshells mug for the cameras yesterday at the TransAlta Arts Barns as Old Strathcona ramps up for the 2008 Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival, dubbed 'The Big Kahuna.' Adam Keefe is Rocket, and Christine Lesiak is Sheshells in their show Why Do Fools Fall In Love? Their act is one of hundreds that will be shown during the 27th Fringe, which runs August 14-24. See story, Page 2.

Identities of Lamont murder victims revealed

CONFIRMATION RCMP have revealed the names of the two murdered men discovered just north of Lamont after the second person found was positively identified.

The bodies of Thomas Robert Howells, 40, of Red Deer and Thomas Joseph Shawghnessy, 46, from Wetaskiwin and Red Deer were found May 30, just north of the town of Lamont, 60 km east of Edmonton.

The first body was identified on June 6, but police withheld the first confirmation until the identity of the second man could be confirmed as well.

Police have not yet listed the cause of death, but both are considered homicides. There have been no arrests.

METRO EDMONTON

Flasher gets 90 days

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A 38-year-old man accused of exposing himself to women in his west-end neighbourhood a year ago, will be spending 90 days in the Edmonton Remand Centre for his penchant for public indecency.

Mark Dennis Wright, dubbed "penis wiggler," hung his head in Provincial Court yesterday, and claimed he was embarrassed, remorseful, and sorry for his actions. "You should be embarrassed," said Judge Robert Philp, before handing the man a 90-day intermittent sentence. "Your conduct was, I suspect, to say the least, very frightening to your neighbours in your neighbourhood."

Wright, an employee at a golf

course and retirement home, pulled out his penis in front of four separate people on three different occasions last summer.

On June 24, 2007, Wright drove his white GMC Jimmy up to a woman standing on a sidewalk with her two young children, caught her attention, and exposed himself.

"It was not until the accused reached down, took hold of his penis, and wiggled it, that she noticed the accused did not appear to have any pants on in the vehicle," read an agreed statement of facts.

Three weeks later, Wright was sitting on his front steps in a bathrobe, and cleared his throat until a neighbour in her yard looked over. To her disgust, he opened his bathrobe and exposed himself to her.

Terms of sentence

- Wright, who has a history of alcohol and drug abuse, has been ordered to seek counselling, and will spend every Tuesday and Wednesday in jail until his 90-day sentence is complete.
- He will also provide DNA to police, and be added to the sex offender registry for 10 years.

Around the same time, Wright caught the attention of two girls living across the street, aged 17 and 18. Again wearing a bathrobe, he took a seat on his front steps, and this time, starting masturbating in front of the pair, who quickly fled to notify police.

All four complainants picked Wright out of a photo lineup of suspects.

Man enters house on drugged rampage

NO INJURIES Three people in a south side home got the shock of a lifetime Monday night, when a man on a drugged-up rampage burst through their front door wielding a knife in each hand.

The man entered the home at 77 Avenue and 109 Street just before 10:30 p.m. through an unlocked door. Three adults in the home were able to escape from the man, who then ran to the basement, and lit a fire.

"All the men fled from the suspect in the home and nobody was injured," said EPS spokeswoman Patrycia Chalupczynska.

Fire crews were rushed to the scene and were able to extinguish the blaze, while police located a suspect in another residence.

Cory Todd Takahashi, 37, is charged with breaking and entering and assault with a weapon.

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Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers take the Rexall Stage on Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m., and will be runnin' down a dream for a special one-night only performance. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster and start at \$59.24. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local

Movies on the Square is back

Sir Winston Churchill Square will again host Movies on the Square this weekend offering entertainment and big screen family-friendly flicks on a three-storey inflatable screen. On Friday see the hit-movie Nim's Island or on Saturday, check out High School Musical. While the movies start at sunset, the fun begins at 8 p.m. with a DJ, live entertainment, games, prizes, displays and a kids' zone. For more info call 780-944-7740 or visit www.edmonton.ca/moviesonthesquare. **METRO EDMONTON**

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City population breaks 750,000

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for Metro Edmonton

The new census is out and Edmonton is bursting at the seams with an influx of new citizens.

The city's population now sits at 752,412, up 40,021, or 5.6 per cent from 2005 when the population sat at 712,391 residents.

For greater Edmonton, which includes surrounding communities, the population sat at 1.07 million people as of 2006.

Concerned with the rising cost of the municipal census, Mayor Stephen Mandel said the province should be the one paying

for the hefty \$1.6 million fee for the service.



Mandel

"We've talked to the province, (but) he who has the gold, makes the golden rules," said Mandel at a City Hall news conference yesterday. "Edmonton still bares the brunt of the cost no matter what happens."

Mandel said the population increase would have been even greater save for the about 10,000 to 15,000 people who left Edmonton over the period, citing the looming prospect of high housing costs as their rea-

Since 1999

- The population of Edmonton has increased 104,128 since the census in 1999, more than the current population of Red Deer.

son for going back to their homes.

"Given our tremendous increase in the housing crisis, it scared a lot of people off," said Mandel. "We need to find ways to offset those challenges that people face."

The total amount of dwellings in Edmonton also saw a rise, with an additional 25,563 new places to live, or 8.3 per cent more than the 2005 census.

Fringe unleashes 'Big Kahuna'

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Festival City, get ready for another show-stopper, because it's time to reap the Fringe benefits of Edmonton's summer.

The 27th annual International Fringe Theatre Festival, dubbed "The Big Kahuna" begins Aug 14, and promises 11 days of all things dramatic, elaborate, and a little risqué.

"It's a celebration of our creativity," said executive director Julian Mayne at the Fringe kickoff yesterday at TransAlta Arts Barns. "Anybody can be part of this festival, it's at the heart of it."

Performers for this year's festival were picked by lottery, and many were turned away. Out of 260 applicants,



only 100 were chosen to perform.

The essential, must-have program guide doubles this year as a bus pass, and can be used to get to and from Old Strathcona during the 11 days of Fringe.

Each separate venue will have its own dedicated box office this year which has organizers scrambling to find volunteers to staff them. To volunteer call 780-409-1923 or download a volunteer application on-line at www.fringetheatreadventures.ca

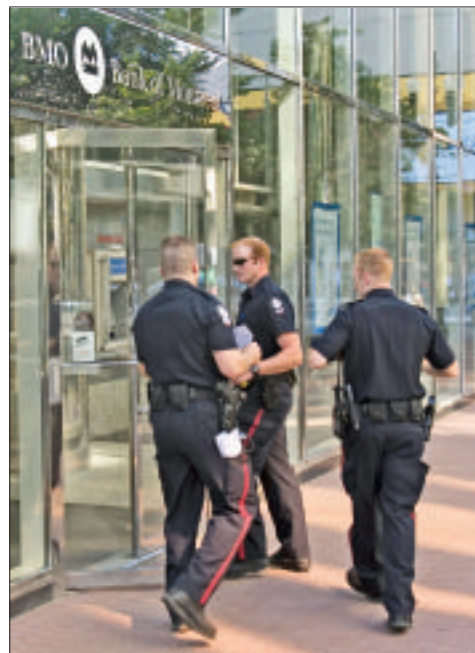
The 1,200 shows feature

over 800 artists, in performances like The Wishing Tree, aimed at all age groups, and those a little more risqué, like Meat Farce, a series of vignettes about male genitalia.

"Often times, people don't even understand there are amazing performances going on," Mayne said, adding that this year's lineup of merchants and food vendors will include a European-style carnival, adding a midway flavour to the scene.

"There is this feeling of Edmontonians wanting to celebrate living in Edmonton. That's what this is all about."

Tickets and programs are available at the TransAlta Arts Barns box office, or on-line at www.fringetheatreadventures.ca.



Police investigate a possible bank robbery yesterday downtown at the Bank of Montreal, at 102 Avenue and 101 Street.

Possible robbery, bomb scare force employees out of bank

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Police shut down a building in the heart of downtown yesterday afternoon, forcing a large group of employees out onto the street, as a possible bank robbery was investigated.

Bystanders said around 3 p.m., a man walked in to the Bank of Montreal building at 102 Avenue and 101 Street, demanding cash. It was also suggested that the man left a suspicious bag in the lobby of the bank.

Employees were rushed outside, and were told the bank had been robbed and there may be a bomb in the building.

Police at the scene would not comment. A Bank of Montreal official outside the building refused comment, and instructed employees not to speak with media.

One man told Metro that the bank had been robbed more than once in the past few months.

Around 4:30 p.m., employees were let back in the building.

19 Mexican firefighters to fight blazes in Alberta

HELP Thousands of miles away from country and home, 19 Mexican firefighters are coming to Alberta to help battle blazes.

The joint exchange program between the Mexican state of Jalisco and Sustainable Resource Development in Alberta is on a trial run to test the efficiency of an emergency aid partnership. The first to come and the man who will help the newcomers get adjusted to Edmonton is Ruben Gonzalez, a firefighter for six years who's been in town for four months and is enjoying the cooler climate.

"I think it's good, it's cold ... but it's better than Mexico, it's too hot in Mexico," he joked.

Since he has the firsthand knowledge of the new climate and the experience of living in a different culture, he will be the liaison for other firefighters.

Part of his training involved basic training but as well he got to train in a helicopter, which involves some daring jumps; and of course he's been introduced to some of the fires that Alberta's dry summers offer up. "I was fighting fires in the Rocky Mountains (so far), it was a small one but it was really good."

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What's online today.

Watch Canada's water polo team prepare for Beijing, and a reunion in Calgary as two missionaries attacked in Kenya return home

Check out MetroTube of the Day for a clip of an NYC cop knocking over a cyclist.

News in brief

IMPAIRED RCMP across Alberta will have their eyes peeled for drivers who have had one too many this August.

"We've had drinking and driving as long as we've had

alcohol and motor vehicles," said RCMP Sgt. Sam Hewson.

Province-wide, RCMP members will be increasing patrols through the month of August

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Plane comes in for rough landing

A Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd Boeing 747 aircraft with 363 passengers suffered mid-air damage while descending for a landing at Vancouver yesterday, officials said. **REUTERS**

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Canada

"It's a bit of a wake-up call for those people who aren't yet affected by climate change"

Derek Mueller, an Arctic ice shelf specialist at Trent University in Ontario speaking about the rapid changes in the High Arctic.

Ice shelf

Giant sheets of ice totaling 20 square km broke off an ice shelf in the Canadian Arctic last week and more could follow later this year, scientists said yesterday.

Shining a light on the world's food crisis

Developed nations must take responsibility for the mounting food crisis in poor nations, says Gerald Caplan, a Canadian author and UN policy adviser on Africa.

It is important for the West to understand its role in what Caplan calls the plundering of the developing world's resources. It's only then that solutions

can be found.

"We aren't developing poor countries, we're exploiting them. What we owe poor countries is to pay back what we've stolen from them over the centuries," Caplan said.

Speaking at a global food crisis conference in Toronto to he told delegates, that for a quarter of a century, the International Mon-

"We aren't developing poor countries, we're exploiting them. What we owe poor countries is to pay back what we've stolen from them over the centuries"

Gerald Caplan

tary Fund and the World Bank have imposed on poor countries policies that have caused enor-

mous destruction and disparity.

"So long as the priority in food or drugs is profit

over human needs, we're going to have people die unnecessarily," he said to the 200 participants.

Europe and the U.S. spend about \$1 billion a day subsidizing agriculture at home.

But they tie aid money to the premise that developing nations must not subsidize their own farmers, said Caplan, who recently

penned *The Betrayal of Africa*.

"So long as the priority in food or drugs is profit over human needs, we're going to have people die unnecessarily," he said. Rich nations have taken from the developing world more than they've given back over the past 500 years, he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fatal accident

School van was unsafe: Report

NEW BRUNSWICK The school van involved in a terrible crash that killed seven New Brunswick high school athletes and a teacher in January should

have failed a safety inspection, according to an RCMP report issued yesterday.

The 15-passenger vans are now banned from schools in Nova Scotia and 25 U.S. states

shuttled the Bathurst High Phantoms basketball team was riddled with rusted-out holes, its tires worn and scalloped, the rear brakes old and out of adjustment, the report said.

The van had passed a safety test when it went in late October.

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NEWS SERVICE

Calgary Wounded missionaries return



John Bergen is greeted by his family after he arrived at the Calgary International Airport from Africa yesterday. Bergen and his wife Eloise were missionaries in Kenya, and were nearly killed on July 9 in a vicious attack.

News in brief

PRISON SYSTEM The federal government is considering bringing forward legislation that would prevent prison inmates from sending personal items to family or acquaintances. Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day made the state-

ment yesterday after a website began auctioning items from killer Clifford Olson.

IMPERSONATION A group of Canadian journalists called on Ontario's minister of safety and correctional services Mon-

day to order the Ontario Provincial Police to stop impersonating reporters. It was recently revealed that the OPP constable pretended to be a journalist at a Mohawk rally in 2007.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Roadside bomb tool not compatible with new tanks

MILITARY A key piece of equipment used by Canadian soldiers to clear roadside bombs in Afghanistan won't work on a new fleet of tanks the military purchased last year, government documents show. The mine plow is one of the tools Canadians rely on to counter the threat of improvised explosive devices (IED) and land mines that have been responsible for many of the 88 Canadian

soldiers killed so far in the country. They have been used on the current fleet of 30-year-old Leopard 1 tanks that were sent to Kandahar in 2006. Their replacement, 100 second-hand Leopard 2 tanks, were purchased from the Netherlands in 2007 for \$650 million. The government touted the new fleet as offering better protection against roadside bombs.

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The number in millions the Tories paid for new tanks that aren't compatible with a roadside bomb tool.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rodeo focus of controversial ad

RELIGION Christians in B.C.'s bible belt are being asked to consider whether Jesus would approve of the treatment of animals in this weekend's Mighty Fraser Rodeo in Abbotsford. Yesterday the Abbots-

ford Times ran a full-page, full-colour advertisement, featuring a large image of Jesus and rodeo events.

The ad, was paid for by the Vancouver Humane Society.

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A Sikh teenager suspended from school in Britain for wearing a religious bangle won a High Court fight to overturn the decision yesterday. Sarika Singh, 14, from South Wales, said the plain steel bracelet was a symbol of her faith and should be exempt from her school's ban on wearing jewellery. **REUTERS**

World



Twin submersibles fall short

Russian explorers plunged to the bed of the world's deepest lake, Siberia's Lake Baikal, but the world record attempt fell short. The mission's submersibles, MIR-1 and MIR-2, left, descended 1,580 metres to the lake bed, falling well short of their 1,680-metre target, which would have set a world record for freshwater submersion. **REUTERS**

AIDS deaths down again: UN report

Worldwide death toll declines for second straight year

The number of people killed by AIDS worldwide edged down for a second straight year in 2007 after rising for more than two decades, amid intensified efforts to fight the disease, a UN agency said yesterday.

The AIDS epidemic is far from over, but appears to have leveled off with more people getting life-extending drugs and the number of new HIV infections falling in many places, UNAIDS said in a report.

Officials with Geneva-based UNAIDS and outside activists said much more

Black Americans neglected: Report

U.S. policies and cash may be leading the fight against AIDS globally, but they have neglected the epidemic among black Americans, the Black AIDS Institute said in a

report released yesterday. While blacks account for one in eight people in the United States, half of all Americans infected with HIV are black, the report found.

needed to be done to beat this modern scourge.

Dr. Paul Zeitz, executive director of the Washington-based activist group Global AIDS Alliance, said the report showed the big increase in spending on prevention and treatment pro-

grams in sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere had produced results.

"Based on this evidence, it's time to ramp up funding from all sources — not to slow down or go on to other things. We're on the path toward victory here.

Let's invest more," he said.

Global AIDS deaths numbered about 2 million in 2007, down from 2.1 million in 2006, UNAIDS said. AIDS deaths peaked in 2005 at 2.2 million after a steady climb since the disease was first identified in the early 1980s, UNAIDS said.

"A six-fold increase in financing for HIV programs in low- and middle-income countries (from) 2001-2007 is beginning to bear fruit," according to the report issued before an international AIDS conference in Mexico next week. **REUTERS**

Agriculture trade talks break down

WTO Global trade talks collapsed yesterday after a clash over agriculture between the United States and emerging powers, including China, India and Indonesia.

The breakdown came on the ninth day of marathon talks. The United States and India failed to find a compromise on measures intended to help poor countries protect their farmers against import surges, a diplomat said.

Canada's trade minister Michael Fortier said WTO chief Pascal Lamy should let officials try to deal with the problems that wrecked talks aimed at forging a new global trade deal before Lamy summons ministers to restart negotiations. **REUTERS**

Banana deal dead

A deal to settle a historic row over trade in bananas between Latin American exporters and the European Union is off after the failure of broader world trade talks yesterday, European trade officials said. The world's top banana exporter, Ecuador, reacted angrily and demanded that the EU stick to the agreement to slash import tariffs on bananas.

"There was progress on a few issues, so I think he needs to build that into the (equation), and then — through the work of senior officials — take the time to try and come to a resolution on some larger issues" he said. **REUTERS**

5.4 magnitude earthquake largely spares 'lucky' L.A.

AMERICA An earthquake struck just east of Los Angeles yesterday, rocking tall buildings across Southern California, but causing no serious injuries or major structural damage.

The quake hit at 11:42 a.m. local time, about 30 miles east of Los Angeles in Chino Hills and registered magnitude 5.4, making it the strongest seismic event centered near America's second-largest city since the 6.7-magnitude Northridge quake in 1994.

It was followed in the next few hours by more than 50 aftershocks, and geologists said there was a small chance it could be a foreshock to a larger quake.

"I think we were very lucky with this one," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told a news conference in Sacramento, adding he



"I think we were very lucky with this one."

Arnold Schwarzenegger

called his Los Angeles-area home to speak with his wife, Maria Shriver, immediately after the quake.

Magnitude 5 quakes are considered moderate but are still capable of causing damage. The U.S. Geological Survey said yesterday's quake was shallow, about 8.5 miles deep.

Across Southern California, the tremor was felt as a strong jolt, swaying tall buildings in downtown Los Angeles and Orange County and sending office workers into the streets. **REUTERS**

Rare monkey faces extinction

TANZANIA A new species of Tanzanian monkey is threatened with extinction just two years after it was formally identified, conservationists have warned.

The rare "kipunji" monkey was first spotted in the country's remote Udzungwa Mountains and Southern Highlands, becoming the first new genus of a living primate from Africa to

be discovered in 83 years. A census published this month found just 1,117 individuals restricted to only 6.82 square miles (17.69 square km) of forest in the two isolated areas, which are both severely degraded by illegal logging and agriculture.

The species itself is also targeted by poachers. **REUTERS**

Serbia Rally for Karadzic



A woman gestures beside a poster of war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic during a rally in Belgrade yesterday. In a separate incident, police fired tear gas to break up scuffles with youths during a demonstration by hardline Serbian nationalists in support of the war crimes suspect.

News in brief

WEST BANK Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian boy during clashes with stone-throwing protesters yesterday in the occupied West Bank, hospital officials and witnesses said. Palestinian witnesses and medical officials said the 10-year-old boy had been shot in the head near the West Bank village of Nilin, where demonstrators

gather almost daily to protest against the construction of Israel's barrier in the West Bank.

AMERICA Veteran Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens was charged yesterday with concealing more than \$250,000 worth of gifts, including home renovations, that he received from an Alaska oil services company, the

Justice Department said. The Alaskan politician, who has served 40 years in the Senate, was charged in a federal grand jury indictment with seven counts of making false statements on his Senate financial disclosure forms from 2001 to 2006, the department said.

HISTORY Leonardo da Vinci's

drawings of machines are uncannily similar to Chinese originals and were undoubtedly derived from them, a British amateur historian says in a newly-published book. Gavin Menzies claims a Chinese fleet brought encyclopaedias of technology undiscovered by the West to Italy in 1434. **REUTERS**

Starbucks cut 1,000 jobs, eliminating COO post

Starbucks Corp said yesterday it is cutting 1,000 support jobs and eliminating the post of chief operating officer in a move to give founder and CEO Howard Schultz "a direct line of sight" into the company's business. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Crude oil falls on demand worries

Oil fell to \$2.54 to settle at \$122.19 a barrel, its lowest level in nearly three months yesterday, on mounting evidence high prices and a souring economy were cutting into energy demand. **REUTERS**

Sirius completes acquisition of XM

Sirius Satellite Radio said yesterday it completed the purchase of rival XM Satellite Radio Holding, forming a company that competes with traditional radio as well as digital audio players. **REUTERS**

Sweden Sales

A shopper walks past a department store with signs advertising a closeout sale in downtown Stockholm. Swedish retail sales rose 1.8 per cent in June from May and 3.3 per cent from a year earlier, well ahead of market forecasts.

GM to stop lease lures

FINANCING Leasing incentives for General Motors vehicles will no longer be offered in Canada, finance company GMAC said yesterday.

The move, which takes effect Friday, follows a more sweeping decision last week by Chrysler Financial to end incentives

for vehicle leasing in the U.S. market. Both GMAC and Chrysler Financial are controlled by private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management.

More than 40 per cent of vehicles in Canada are leased, compared with 20 to 25 per cent of vehicles in the United States. **REUTERS**

By the numbers

• About 43 per cent of the vehicles GMAC financed in Canada and the United States in the first quarter were through lease deals, a common way for automakers to reduce monthly payments for car shoppers.

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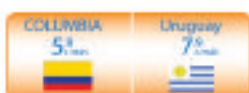
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Beijing Games

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IOC decides to reinstate Iraq

POLITICS The International Olympic Committee yesterday allowed Iraq to send a two-athlete team to the Beijing Games in a last-minute deal ending a dispute with the Iraqi government, the IOC said.

Iraq was banned last week after the government disbanded the country's National Olympic Committee, a move that had angered the IOC.

Iraqi officials met with IOC officials in Lausanne earlier yesterday in a desperate effort to iron out differences.

Yao fires up China to win warmup

BASKETBALL A 21-point game from NBA all-star Yao Ming propelled China to a morale-boosting 83-74 victory over Olympic group rival Angola in a Games warmup match in Nanjing yesterday.

The Houston Rockets centre, who had struggled for rhythm since rejoining the national team two weeks ago after a four-month lay-off following surgery on a broken foot, grabbed five rebounds in a timely return to form, the Xinhua news agency said.

REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

SURVIVAL INSTINCT When Joshua Riker-Fox got the news he would be representing Canada in Beijing, he was too busy scrambling to survive to celebrate. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

8 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

No regrets for athletes

Non-medallists can still enjoy competition: Giles

MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Canada

Canada sent 267 athletes to the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. Exactly 258 of them came home without a medal.

In other words, for every Adam van Koeverden who wins an Olympic medal and steals the national spotlight, there are roughly two dozen athletes who fly under the radar.

So what does a non-medallist get out of the Games?

"Hopefully, they get their own Olympic victory," says Peter Giles, Canada's assistant Chef de Mission. "I wish for them all to go over and have that moment where they say, 'Yes, I really succeeded at

this.' It doesn't mean you have to stand at the podium. It means having your best performance at that moment."

Giles himself had one of those moments. The kayaker from Lake Echo, N.S., competed at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and placed seventh in the K-4 1,000-metre event.

"For us, it was something to celebrate, and it's OK if the rest of Canada didn't celebrate that with us," Giles says. "The people who knew us celebrated with us. They got to see us and share in it with us, and we were congratulated for what we did."

Giles says he's never met an Olympian who regrets going to the Games, even ones who don't win medals. All the sacrifices — the early mornings, financial hardships and limited free time — are worth it in the end, according to Giles.

Beyond the competition, athletes lay the foundation for a bright future by competing at the Games.

"Being an Olympian gets you into a club you belong to for the rest of your life," Giles says. "It's something you never get taken away from you. It breaks the ice and opens all kinds of doors."

After Giles competed at the 1996 Olympics, he retired. He finished his Ph.D in applied physics at Stanford University in Califor-



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nian and got a job with General Dynamics Canada. He still works there today as principal systems engineer.

He also has been involved with the Canadian Olympic Committee and Canoe-Kayak Canada in various capacities.

Giles says his Olympic background helped him get his start as a young professional. He had very little direct experience when General Dynamics Canada hired him in 1999.

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Peter Giles

"The fact that I was an Olympic athlete encouraged them to take a chance on me," Giles says. "That's probably the key. It gives you something to put on your resumé that's

pretty rare. If that's enough to get someone to say, 'Let's take a chance on this person,' that can be all the difference for you."

It's worth it for businesses to take a chance on any Olympian, Giles says, because of one common trait.

"They are all really, really motivated to succeed," Giles says. "It's an important quality. If I was running a business, I would certainly hire an Olympic athlete very quickly."



Peter Giles, Canada's assistant Chef de Mission.

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Report slams China's human-rights policies

POLITICS Beijing saw hazy pollution lift yesterday, but a damning Amnesty International report brought in to sharp view tensions over China's human-rights policies.

The human-rights group yesterday gave a scathing assessment of China's record, saying many of its citizens' protections and freedoms have shrunk, not expanded, in the seven years since Beijing won the right to hold the Games.

China had not honoured

vows to improve rights that officials made in lobbying for the Games, and was not living up to commitments as an Olympic host, Amnesty International stated in the report.

"There has been no progress towards fulfilling these promises, only continued deterioration," the report, titled The Olympics Countdown — Broken Promises, says.

"The authorities have used the Olympic Games as pretext to continue, and

in some respects, intensify existing policies and practices which have led to serious and widespread violations of human rights," it continues.

Amnesty said Chinese authorities had targeted human-rights defenders, journalists and lawyers to "silence dissent" ahead of the Games, jailing dissidents such as prominent AIDS activist Hu Jia and often intimidating their families.

A Chinese government spokesman dismissed the

Amnesty report as a product of habitual bias that ignored big improvements.

"This is a statement that anyone who knows China cannot agree with," the Chinese Foreign Ministry's chief spokesman Liu Jianchao told a news conference in Beijing. "I hope Amnesty International can take off the coloured glasses it has been wearing for years and look at China fairly and objectively."

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A security guard stands in front of the Olympic rings at Tiananmen Square yesterday. Amnesty International has released a report slamming China's human-rights policies.

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Hockey

Canada's Hockey Anthem Challenge, the contest to decide the new Hockey Night in Canada theme song, has received a total of 2,000 submissions since the contest launched on June 19. The finalists will be revealed on Oct. 4. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Lightning sign Stamkos

The Tampa Bay Lightning made it official yesterday, signing centre Steven Stamkos, this year's No. 1 overall draft pick to a three-year, entry-level contract. The 18-year-old, left, led the Sarnia Sting of the Ontario Hockey League with 105 points this year, notching 58 goals and 47 assists in 61 games. **Metro News Services**

Favre calls Packers' bluff

Iconic quarterback faxes reinstatement letter to NFL

Brett Favre called the Packers' bluff by faxing his reinstatement letter to the league yesterday in an attempt to officially end his retirement, which he announced on March 6.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will not act on the letter until today at the earliest, reports NFL Network's Adam Schefter.

Favre and Packers GM Ted Thompson had agreed that the star QB would delay his reinstatement until the club could come up with some type of resolution, possibly a trade that would keep Favre out of the NFC North.

No trade has been arranged, however, so now, once Favre is reinstated, the Packers have 24 hours to either release him, as he has requested, or put him back on the active roster. Then Favre may report to Packers training camp in Green Bay, where Aaron Rodgers is taking the snaps as the starting QB.

If the Packers do not

find a suitable trade destination for Favre — the New York Jets and Tampa Bay Buccaneers have been mentioned as possible suitors — then the circus will come to town when Favre returns to serve as a \$12 million US backup to Rodgers, who has thrown for exactly 329 yards and one touchdown in three seasons as a backup.

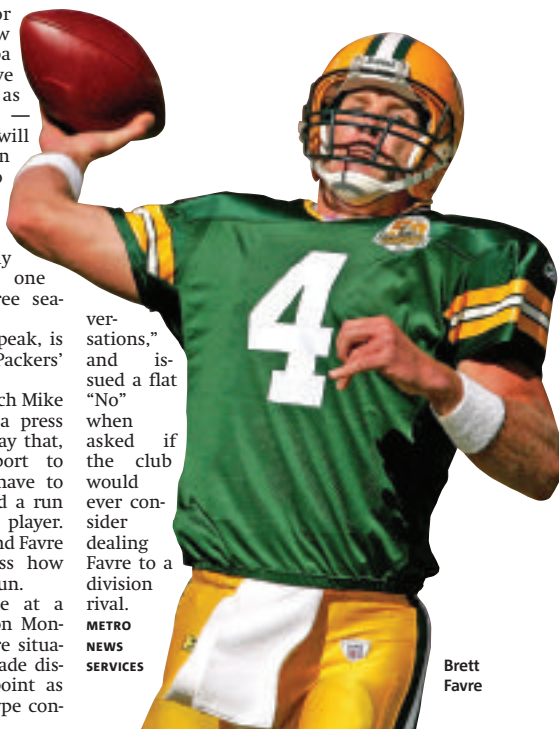
The ball, so to speak, is now back in the Packers' court.

Packers head coach Mike McCarthy said in a press conference yesterday that, should Favre report to camp, he would have to pass a physical and a run test like any other player. McCarthy said he and Favre would then discuss how practice would be run.

Thompson spoke at a press conference on Monday about the Favre situation. He termed trade discussions to this point as "kicking of tires type con-

versations," and issued a flat "No" when asked if the club would ever consider dealing Favre to a division rival.

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Brett Favre

Wozniak moves on at Rogers Cup

TENNIS Canadians won one and lost two yesterday as first-round play continued at the Rogers Cup in Montreal.

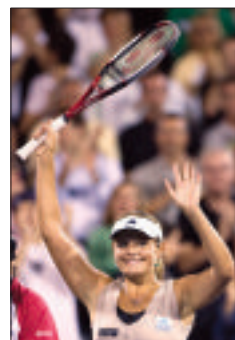
On the winning side was Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., who overcame a rough second set to battle past Chan Yung-jan of Taiwan, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.

Things didn't go as well for Marie-Eve Pelletier of Repentigny, Que., who was crushed 6-0, 6-1 by Russian 12-seed Nadia Petrova.

Toronto's Sharon Fichman fared a little better, hanging in against American Jill Craybas before suffering a 6-4, 6-3 loss in her Rogers Cup debut.

Russian fourth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova was the first player through to the third round when compatriot Alla Kudryavtseva retired with a shoulder injury.

Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion, easily won the opening set 6-1 and was up 1-0 in the second when Kudryavtseva,



Aleksandra Wozniak of Canada celebrates her win against Chan Yung-Jan of Taipei at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal yesterday.

unable to serve, walked to net to shake hands.

The top three players in the world, Serbian No. 1 Ana Ivanovic, her compatriot No. 2 Jelena Jankovic — who will face Wozniak on Centre Court tonight — and Russian Maria Sharapova will open their accounts today following first round byes.

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Garza out duels Doc as Rays defeat Jays

RAYS 3 BLUE JAYS 0

MLB Matt Garza threw his first career shutout last night, leading the Tampa Bay Rays to a 3-0 win over Roy Halladay and the Blue Jays in the second of a three-game set in Toronto.

Garza scattered five hits, struck out five, and walked one. The 24-year-old right-hander threw 106 pitches — 74 for strikes — over nine frames to get the

struggling Rays offence off the hook on a night when it had to face one of the best in game.

Ex-Jay Eric Hinske hit a solo homer and Evan Longoria added a two-run triple for the Rays, who rebounded from a 3-1 loss in Monday's opener that had been their ninth in 11 road games. With the win the Rays

moved to two games in front of the Red Sox for first place in the AL East. Boston lost to the Angels 6-2 last night.

Halladay pitched well, but again found himself on the wrong end of a duel with Garza. The Blue Jays ace gave up three runs on six hits in eight innings, with eight strikeouts and three walks.



Garza

Lyle Overbay had two hits for Toronto, which had won six of seven entering play.

Halladay and Garza faced off in Tampa on July 19, a 6-4 Rays win in which Garza departed after 7²/₃ shutout innings. All told, Garza has blanked Toronto over 16²/₃ innings in two wins this month, and the Rays have handed Halladay three of his eight losses this season.

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Sports in brief

NBA The Rockets have reportedly landed forward Ron Artest. The Houston Chronicle reports the Rockets have an agreement with the Sacramento Kings to acquire Artest for guard Bobby Jackson, a No. 1 draft pick and another player.

MLB The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim acquired first baseman Mark Teixeira from the Atlanta Braves for first baseman Casey Kotchman and minor league pitcher Stephen Marek yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

NBA Referee Tim Donaghy, who admitted he bet on games he officiated, was sentenced yesterday to 15 months in prison. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Bottom's up

Basements gaining status as developable and livable spaces

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IN 2008, the basement is alive and kicking. From wine cellars to home theatres to laundry centres, the basement has truly become a living space.

"Basements will start to get the full treatment, with all the upscale finishes and elaborate lighting that are usually found on the main floor," predicts interior de-

signer LeAnne Bunnell. "Home theatres will continue to be the focus of these underground spaces, but integrated spa bathrooms and workout areas are on the rise."

New Home Living recently asked Bunnell and other Alberta experts about the basement in 2008. "Open plan is still strong and many homeowners are looking at the basement as the addition they already have," she says. "Wine-tasting cellars, customized storage rooms and some very luxurious laundry centres are bringing the basement into the light."

"territory of untapped value." In every project, he says they intend to insulate the exterior of the foundation and create a barrier that stops the cold before it has a chance to penetrate the foundation and direct the water down to the weeping tile where it can be diverted away from the liveable space.

Young estimates a basement development could start at \$25,000 for the structural and water tightness portion and the interiors at \$30,000.

What are the dos and don'ts of basement development?

"Insulate and water proof your basement," advises Young. "Our company promotes both exterior and interior foundation insulation and proper water proofing and water removal prior to any development. Do not build anything that is intended to have value if there is visible water infiltration."

Windows, ceilings, floors & zones

Basement windows are getting larger. If the window is not that large, a full height window covering

Finishing up

If the basement in your new or older home isn't yet finished, the first step is developing the basement well. "Basement development has not changed from a renovator's standpoint," says Bill Young, co-owner, Edmonton's W.E. Young Renovations Ltd. "There are still four cold, gray, concrete walls that when cracked or the exterior grading is done incorrectly will make the home a hive for mould and mildew." His company looks at the basement as a



Adequate insulation and making sure moisture will not seep through is crucial in transforming a cellar-like area, above, into a home entertainment centre, below. Do not build anything that is intended to have value if there is visible water infiltration.

creates the illusion of a full height window, advises interior designer Elizabeth Arsenault.

"People prefer higher ceilings, so as not to create the 'dungeon' feel or a place to just store extra stuff. The higher nine- and 10-foot ceiling, she says, allows for creating multi-

functional rooms like a nanny suite, the full piece bath, wine cellars, cold storage, yoga and exercise rooms and the recreation/home theatre rooms for entertaining.

"These ideas are pretty standard, but 'imagine the possibilities' with ideas such as studios and lounges."

If the basement is one big open space, she suggests, creating zones like the bar, television or recreation areas by placement of furniture or flooring. The latest trend in floor finish, she says, is stamped or stained (heated) concrete floors.

Home theatre to gaming

"From an electronic design perspective, the (basement) 'Home Theatre' experience is widening to encompass the gaming world with items like Nintendo's Wii which offers Guitar Hero, Microsoft Xbox, D-Box interactive driving experience ...," says Ron Patrick, founder and president, Smart Home Systems. "We also see more integration of PCs for Internet usage as part of the family entertainment area."

Pest control

YOU'VE JUST moved into your new ground-level apartment, made even more inviting by the fact that the in-ground suite is shelter from the blistering heat outside. You even looked admirably at the property manager's approach to a low-maintenance garden of pine chips and shrubbery outside your window. Your optimism lasts until your first visit from an unexpected tenant presuming to share the premises. You watch in horror as the centipede inches its way along the new Berber carpeting and wonder how many of his friends creep undetected in your new abode.

Your greatest fears are realized when two more sightings confirm you have a pest problem. But before you call the exterminator, consider what you can do to keep insects out of your apartment and in the pine beds outside.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) online guide to dealing with pests encourages that apartment-dwellers understand why and how pests enter our homes.

Identifying the source of the invasion — whether it's a crack in the foundation, a warped window frame or an opening around a pipe or vent — is the first step to pest-proofing your home. Most of the time, these problems can be easily solved with caulking or spray foam.

More important than eliminating their source of entry is what CMHC refers to as "removing the welcome mat." Knowing what pests need to survive and thrive will help you identify conditions within your home that may be attracting them. A keynote to making your home unfriendly to pests is having good housekeeping habits. Every time you leave a pizza box on your coffee table or a sink full of dishes you're ringing the dinner bell for whatever may be lurking.

For tips on pest control and prevention, visit cmhc.ca.

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Going pro

Here's what to look for in a basement-renovation professional:

- Get at least three detailed quotes.
- Ask for references and pick three projects to call and see. Call references from jobs performed five years ago, to see how the contractor's work has performed over time.
- Ask the contractor if he or she is a member of a home builder's association with a written code of ethics and call to check his or her current standing. Find out how long the company has been in business.
- Ask for penalty clauses to be included in the contract if the expected completion date is exceeded.
- Get a written guarantee on the work.
- Beware of low-ball prices, where the contractor wins on extra materials. Try to plan the project carefully, so that there are as few surprise expenses as possible.
- Get letters of indemnity from subtrades that show they have been paid in full by the contractor. The standard 45-day hold-back period on completion of work is generally less effective than actually having letters from each worker. **RONA**



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Electric conspiracy?

Advocates charge governments spurning low-speed vehicle issue

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Though the electric car may provide a viable alternative to gas-fuelled vehicles, its future in Canada may still face a rocky road.

Transport Canada has left the hot-potato issue of allowing chargeable cars on the nation's highways and byways up to provincial governments. So far, the environmentally-friendly cars are trickling onto the scene in some provinces, but it's not exactly the kind of quick progress environmentally conscious advocates

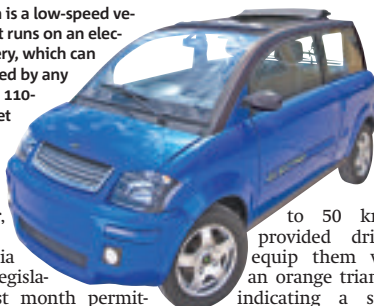
and officials in the electric car industry want to see.

Ian Clifford, founder and CEO of Zenn (Zero Emission No Noise) Motor Company, says his Toronto-based electric car manufacturer has received no backing from federal and provincial governments despite their declared commitments to reducing auto emissions.

"It has been a real struggle since we started in 2000," says Clifford. "There was interest, but no support for it. It's frustrating. Our governments are wasting time and opportunity for consumers who want a zero-emission choice."

The Zenn is a low-speed vehicle that runs on an electric battery, which can be charged by any standard 110-volt outlet in the home.

So far, British Columbia passed legislation last month permitting the low-speed vehicles (otherwise known as LSVs) on roads with limits of up to 40 km/h. This month, Quebec approved their use on roads with speeds of up



to 50 km/h, provided drivers equip them with an orange triangle, indicating a slow-moving vehicle.

For its part, Ontario only allows electric cars in its municipal parks and conservation areas as part of a five-year pilot test the province began in 2006. This week, Queen's Park announced it's commissioning an additional independent safety study of LSVs.

Both Ottawa and the provinces claim safety is the issue. An official source (who asked not to be named) at Transport Canada and Bob Nichols, media liaison for Ontario's Ministry of Transportation, say while there is support for the technology, a great deal of electric LSVs currently only have to meet three federally mandated safety stan-

dards and not the 40 that passenger cars — some electric ones have been ruled street legal and are on the road now — are required to meet. The government's concern, Nichols says, is with the proper integration of LSVs with high-speed internal combustion vehicles.

"In reality, there are major safety differences between LSVs and passenger cars," Nichols wrote via e-mail.

"In the event of a crash, low-speed vehicles offer very little in the way of occupant protection. We are worried about people being killed or injured in these vehicles when operated on public roads in mixed traffic. Cars that are both green and safely designed are the vehicles we want on our roads."

Activists and politicians don't buy the argument, saying this is nothing but more political posturing and a game of optics.

"I'm reluctant to call their argument nothing but conspiracy, but I find it to be disingenuous," says Jean Langlois, national campaign director for the Sierra Club of Canada.



The tidy little 1 Series Coupe and Cabriolet are spearheading BMW's return to a smaller, lighter, more affordable car.

BMW's little beauty

MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Canada

BMW's baby 1 Series has been around in Europe for a couple years now, but after a brief romance with its small 318i back in the late '90s, the company didn't think Canadians would buy into a small BMW model any time soon.

So we had to await the invention of a 1 Series coupe and convertible before we could buy a BMW smaller than its popular 3 Series model.

The tidy little 1 Series Coupe and Cabriolet are spearheading BMW's return to a smaller, lighter, more affordable car, slotting nicely under the increasingly larger, heavier and more expensive 3 Series.

Though a range of engine options are available in other markets, we're only getting two: The 128i with a 230-horsepower, 3.0-litre, in-line six, and the 135i, which has a superb 300-hp, twin-turbo version of the same 3.0-litre unit.



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- Build quality

Garlic anyone?

For two days, Aug. 9 and 10, thousands of visitors will be living, breathing and eating all things garlic at the Perth Garlic Festival, located 40 minutes from Ottawa in the town of Perth. Visit perthgarlicfestival.com for more. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Travel



Rideau Canal Festival

Named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007, a brand new festival has been launched this year to honour this famous waterway. From Aug. 1 to 4, there will be eco-friendly happenings on and beside the Canal in the Ottawa area. There will be colourful flotillas, an environmental fair, and, of course, food. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Istanbul's famed six-minaret Blue Mosque, famed for its gleaming interior white-and-blue tiles.

Istanbul's rich mix

Istanbul bridges Europe and Asia, boasting a rich cultural mix with influences ranging from Roman to Arab. If you've got only 48 hours to explore the city, the following itinerary will lead you through its many facets.

Saturday

9 a.m. Sultanahmet district, the hub of historic Old Istanbul dotted with centuries-old mosques, is the ideal place to start a short visit to this city. Start your walk around this historic area at the Basilica of St. Sophia, now called the Ayasofya Museum. Turn full circle, then look up to absorb the grandeur of its dome.

Arabic calligraphy has coexisted with Christian mosaics here since the Muslim conquest of Constantinople in 1453, when Mehmet the Conqueror converted the church into a mosque. It was declared a museum in 1935.

9:30 a.m. Cross the street to the six-minaret Blue Mosque, famed for its gleaming interior white-and-blue tiles originating from the city of Iznik.

10 a.m. Wander up to Topkapi Palace and marvel at the many halls, courts and chambers that house the treasures of the Ottoman Empire, including a jewel-encrusted 18th century golden throne and a sword said to belong to the biblical King David.

1 p.m. Take a break for lunch at one of the street-side kebab restaurants. Fol-

low your meal with a tiny cup of Turkish coffee as the call to prayer blares from mosques all around.

2:30 p.m. Head to the western Edirnekapi district's Chora Church, an imposing Byzantine monument. Gaze at the mosaics and frescos that cover its ceilings and walls, depicting scenes from the bible.

7:30 p.m. Combining faith and dance, the whirling dervishes will entertain you with a one-hour performance, accompanied by an ensemble of musicians. Draped in black robes and cream dresses, these followers of 13th century Persian poet and mystic Jalaladdin Rumi spin in the belief that it will bring them closer to God.

9 p.m. After absorbing history all day, check out the modern face of Istanbul. Local beer and both Western and Turkish pop music await you in the many bars of Beyoglu. If you get peckish, stop by one of the area's many restaurants offering a traditional myriad of dishes to taste.

Sunday

9 a.m. Ready to check out Asia? Istanbul is the only capital in the world that straddles two continents. From Eminonu, take the ferry to Uskudar. Get off the boat after the 20-minute ride, walk through the main square and head to the Aga Mosque. You may be asked not to take photos of its interior, as residents in this less affluent and more conservative side of the water are less

accustomed to tourists.

12 p.m. Away from the tourist trail, this area's restaurants offer a more diverse and authentic menu. Take your pick of food from cacik, or yoghurt with cucumber and mint, to perde pilavi, chicken cooked with rice and almonds wrapped in pastry.

1:30 p.m. Back to Europe. Take a bus across the Bosphorus passing over the bridge that bears the name of the strategic waterway linking the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.

Get off at Taksim Square, where a sculpture of the founder of modern Turkey Mustafa Kemal Atatürk watches over you. Take a stroll down Istiklal Street where fashion stores are located alongside European consulates housed in villas.

4 p.m. Head towards the Galata Tower in the quarter that historically housed the foreign population, traders from Genoa and Venice, as well as Jews and Greeks. Don't miss the synagogues and churches along the way.

5 p.m. Ascend the Galata Tower and get a 360 degree view of the city with towering minarets adorning its skyline.

7 p.m. Take the tram on the Galata Bridge across the Golden Horn and walk along the Sahil Yolu cornice, where fishermen cast their rods as children swim in the chilly waters.

8 p.m. Dine by the sea and enjoy the breeze blowing from the Sea of Marmara.

REUTERS

When a growing fear of flying afflicts a professional traveller

TheTravelJunkie

Julia Dimon

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I'm seated two rows back from the cockpit, in a tiny 19-seater, on my way from one stunning Filipino island to another. The clouds look ominous, the wind is picking up. In this relatively flimsy plane, this type of weather doesn't bode well.

First comes the rain. As we pass through a now raging storm, water crashes through the pilot's window and drips onto the console. The pilot tries in vain to keep the water out, as diagonal droplets pelt him in the face. The plane

dips, wobbles and jerks. At 30,000 feet, this is one hell of a roller coaster.

If this were a Boeing 747 I'm sure this weather would be a mere blip on the flight, but, seated in this piece of crap airplane with a direct view into the cockpit, I feel every bump. I'm filled with fear.

Palms sweaty, with a death grip on the seat in front of me, I cinch my seat belt tighter, close my eyes and focus on my breathing.

I've turned into what some might call a nervous flyer. I familiarize myself with the exits as soon as I get on a plane, I always wear my seat belt — even if the seatbelt sign is off — and I regularly review the emergency safety manual.

I've taken hundreds of flights and, over the next few months, I've planned

for at least 20 more. I can't help but think that probability is decreasingly in my favour. Of course, statistically, flying is the safest form of transportation. And even if my plane did crash, my chances of surviving are pretty good. In 2006, the BBC reported that "in the US alone, between 1983 and 2000, there were 568 plane crashes. Out of the collective 53,487 people onboard, 51,207 survived."

But as I bounce around like a child on a shoddy carnival ride, I don't find statistics helpful.

Another drop. The plane is shaking like a leaf. Just as I start to accept my own mortality, the dark clouds recede, the skies brighten and the killer rain stops. The plane lands and the passengers breathe a sigh of relief. Just another day, just another flight.

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Entertainment

The Governess

Jennifer Lopez is starring in Yari Film Group's romantic comedy *The Governess*, about a professional thief who poses as a nanny to the three unruly children of a wealthy widower. EW.COM



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Celebrities standing up to cancer

CHARITY Accesses Jennifer Aniston, Scarlett Johansson and Charlize Theron are among the A-listers who signed on for the Stand Up To Cancer telethon, People.com reports.



Aniston

American Idol David Cook, and actresses Christina Applegate, Meryl Streep and Sally Field also will appear on the Sept. 5 broadcast, which will be aired on ABC, CBS and NBC to raise money for cancer research and treatment.

casting

Morgan could be back on Grey's

TV Jeffrey Dean Morgan, beloved by Grey's Anatomy fans for playing Izzie Stevens's smitten but doomed patient Denny Duquette, isn't ruling out the possibility that he may return for the show's fifth season, People.com reports.

If the call does come from the medical drama, Morgan said he be thrilled to be romantically paired with Katherine Heigl again on-screen. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Real-life Breakfast Club

American Teen tracks the lives of five unique high school students

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada



Stealing test answers, skipping class to play Briscola with the Italian kids, phoning a towing company to take a teacher's car away — Ah, those wonderful high school days.

Yep, I was one of those kids, shouted down by the teacher or finding myself in detention hall wearing my army jacket with the Sid Vicious iron-on pinned to it over my Catholic school boy uniform — often for such crimes as challenging creationist theory or even driving over the school's front lawn. I got the handle of "punk-ass anarchist," my "insanity" making me too feared by the student body to be picked on or accepted by anyone but my own kind.

Perfect persona for a journalist, wouldn't you agree? The experts certainly do, weighing in on social behaviour following the release of Nanette Bernstein's *American Teen*, a documentary tracking the lives of five senior high school students — a jock, a princess, a heartthrob, a geek and an artsy — and



American Teen opens in Canadian theatres this summer.

their hardships, heartbreaks and decisions impacting their future.

Authorities on the subject argue the high school years are the most formative of one's life. Who you were then greatly defines how you relate in the workplace, at home and in social settings.

"The teenage years are

important for all of us," says dating and relationship coach Kateryna Spiwak of datingessentials.com. "We have new independence and self-determination. We meet new people and we encounter a new set of social politics. It's also the beginning of our sexual experiences. We start actively interacting."

Your role in high school can often determine who you are today. The alpha male or female of our youths typically don't change their behaviour, says Spiwak, but she notes those who were passive in their youth can change as years of experience build their confidence. "It happens a lot," she says. "The

"Teens absolutely carry on their behaviour into adulthood."

Ruth Claramunt

'beta' personalities may change after much hard work and confidence building. Their work relationships, especially, become much more self-assured."

Nowhere is the theory of never leaving high school truer than in how we date. Ruth Claramunt, relationship consultant and dating counsellor at introduction service Hearts, says adults looking for romance face the same anxieties as any teenager.

"Teens absolutely carry on their behaviour into adulthood," she said. "My clients often ask the same things teenagers might ask, even well into their 60s. Men ask, 'Should I send flowers?' while women ask, 'Should I call him back?' They're very much like teenagers in that regard. It's an insecurity issue: They're afraid to be who they really are and consequently they end up not enjoying themselves on the date."

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Books

Madonna's manager, Guy Oseary, is coming out in October with *Madonna: Confessions*, a 224-page coffee-table book of photos from her 2006 world tour. The pop star co-operated on the book, handpicking the snaps and providing quotes. **PAGESIX.COM**



Sting's wife takes Reaper to screen

FILM Rocker Sting's wife Trudie Styler has acquired film rights to the upcoming graphic novel *American Reaper*.

The story is set in a future where identity theft leads to victims having their minds erased and replaced by those of the elderly rich seeking a second youth or by criminals and terrorists with more sinister motives. A team of special agents, known as Reapers, are formed to track down and terminate those responsible. It was created by Pat Mills and Clint Langley. Mills will write the screen adaptation. **REUTERS**

AC/DC to kick off world tour

MUSIC AC/DC will embark on an 18-month world tour in October, the hard rock band's first since 2000/2001, their agent said. Rob Light, managing partner at Creative Artists Agency, made the announcement during a panel at the Intl. Assn. of Assembly Managers' conference and trade show.

Light didn't reveal further details about the trek, which will promote the Anglo-Australian band's upcoming album, a Wal-Mart exclusive. A single is expected to hit radio in August. **REUTERS**

Walliam's stalker sectioned

PEOPLE A woman who stalked Little Britain star David Walliams has been sectioned under the U.K. Mental Health Act, imdb.com reports. Sarah Bartholomew, 29, had admitted to harassing the funnyman over a four-year-period from 2004 — bombarding him with erotic poems, photographing him secretly in his house and showering him with gifts.

Bartholomew, a former veterinary nurse, was also issued with a restraining order at London's Highbury Corner Magistrates Court on Monday, which bans her from contacting Walliams. District Judge Adrian Turner ordered Bartholomew to remain at a psychiatric hospital until doctors agreed she no longer poses a threat. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Phair to release new disc

Rocker to serve up sloppy side in yet-to-be-titled work

Although it's still without a title or track listing, Liz Phair's new album is in its final recording stages ahead of a fall release.

"This I can tell you: all my sloppiness is in there," the rock singer/songwriter told Billboard. "I fought all the way through, and I'm not letting anyone take it to a perfected style."

The album marks her first release of original material for Dave Matthews' ATO Records, which recently reissued Phair's 1993 debut, *Exile In Guyville*, with extra tracks and a DVD.

"It's not going to be (Exile in) Guyville again, but I'm using all my tools," Phair added. "I keep pulling it out of producers' hands, before they can do anything."

Having split with Capitol earlier this year, Phair is finding that working with ATO is a breath of fresh air.

"They literally look at me and say, 'Here's your budget, don't go over,



Liz Phair says she fought all the way through to keep her "sloppiness" in her upcoming album.

bring us something good," she says. "It's a f—ing mind-bending experience after the last 14 years."

Phair has been on the road performing *Exile In Guyville* at a handful of shows.

She has three Guyville gigs next month, and no plans yet for additional shows. **REUTERS**

Keys, White team up on Bond theme

FILM Alicia Keys and the White Stripes' Jack White have recorded the theme song to *Quantum of Solace*, the 22nd James Bond film, which will be released worldwide in November, Columbia Pictures said yesterday.

The song, *Another Way To Die*, is the first duet in Bond soundtrack history, the studio said in a statement. White wrote and produced the song, and also played drums. The soundtrack to the movie will be released Oct. 28 by Keys' J Records label.

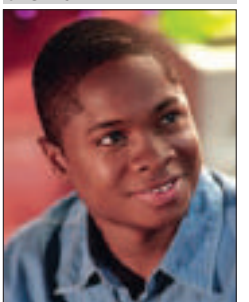
Quantum of Solace, starring Daniel Craig and directed by Marc Forster, will be released in North American theaters on Nov. 7. Amy Winehouse and Leona Lewis had previously been rumored as the vocalists for the latest Bond theme. The theme for the previous Bond film, 2006's *Casino Royale*, was sung and co-written by former Soundgarden/Audioslave vocalist Chris Cornell. **REUTERS**

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critics' corner

Smallville

And you thought gum only freshened your breath. The band One Republic guest stars in this episode, giving a concert that Kara and Jimmy (Laura Vandervoort, Aaron Ashmore) attend. On the crew is Clark and Chloe's (Tom Welling, Allison Mack) friend Pete (Sam Jones III), who comes back into their orbit when he inadvertently chews some kryptonite gum and gets superpowers. Sadly, viewers are subjected to an hourlong commercial. Pete deserves better than that. 7 PM on SPACE



Dirtbusters

Forget dusty tables, a few dirty dishes in the sink or a shedding dog; this isn't your average dirt. Also not average are the men and women dealing with it. Imported from the U.K., this series follows city employees whose jobs are to enforce clean living quarters and businesses, including getting rid of rodents and fecal matter. 7:30 PM on OLN

LifeStyles Condoms has reportedly offered 15-year-old Hannah Montana star Miley Cyrus \$1 million US to become the company's spokesperson. Her rep, however, says, "We never received an offer, nor would she consider the offer." **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Celebrity Buzz

Winehouse discharged from hospital

HEALTH Amy Winehouse has been discharged from the hospital 12 hours after she was rushed to an emergency room, People.com reports.

"Amy is fine and she is on her way home," says her U.K. rep, Chris Goodman.

Winehouse, 24, was taken by ambulance from her home in north London to the University College Hospital on Monday night after suffering what was believed to be a seizure. Wrapped in a red blanket, she was taken to the vehicle in a wheelchair while her dad Mitch looked on.

The setback was part of her struggle to get clean, the rep insists. (Both the singer and her incarcerated

husband Blake Fielder-Civil, 26, have a history of drug problems.)

"She was taking a new (medication) as part of her anti-drug treatment program," says Goodman. "And it was an adverse reaction to that new drug. You have to try different things but unfortunately this was not the right one."

Last month, the Grammy winner was admitted to a London clinic after fainting at home. Almost exactly a year ago, Winehouse was treated at the University College Hospital for "exhaustion." Her father later revealed she had overdosed and needed her stomach pumped.

She also spent a brief stint in rehab this year. Winehouse's rep claims the troubled singer plans to take it easy in the coming months.

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Nope, Bello engaged to writer

RELATIONSHIP So much for reports Maria Bello recently hit on a waiter — she's engaged to boyfriend Bryn Mooser, her rep confirmed to People.

The actress, 41, and Mooser, 28, a writer, announced their engagement in Bello's hometown newspaper, The Norristown Times Herald, in Norristown, Pa., which said the couple "fell in love over a sheer

passion of politics, Africa and cryptozoology."

Bello told the New York Post's Page Six Magazine she "was always anti-marriage. I didn't understand monogamy. I couldn't figure out how that could last. And then I met Bryn and I started to understand ... having a partner in life."

Bello and Mooser have not set a date yet.

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Cowell splits from girlfriend of 6 years

BREAKUP Simon Cowell has reportedly split from Terri Seymour, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 48-year-old music mogul is believed to have walked out on Seymour, 34, following an argument over her insecurities, and he has now ended their six-year relationship.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

The condom company is looking to secure Miley Cyrus because one in four teenage girls is infected with an STD. Somewhere, John Mayer is saying, "You're welcome."

What they're not telling you about Amy Winehouse's latest trip to the ER is that she is the first human victim of "Colony Collapse Disorder." The mysterious phenomenon has only affected Western honey bees until now, but this is the first case of it actually striking a beehive hairdo. The entire female cast of Mad Men has been put on alert.

Hard to believe that a relationship involving Simon Cowell has hit the skids. "Sweetheart, were I interested in the kind of sex we had last night, I'd go ahead and become a full-fledged necrophiliac. And I don't care if Randy and Paula liked it, because I didn't."

You want to know the real reason why Naomi Watts is in no hurry to tie the knot with Liev Schreiber? It's because she found the 2004 remake of The Manchurian Candidate just a little too believable.

I know where Britney's coming from. I hate it when my abdomen sparks pregnancy rumours. It calls up people on the phone. It goes shopping at maternity stores. It gorges on pimento loaf. I don't spend \$22,000 a month getting rid of it, though. I just tell people it's gas. Then I prove it.

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celebrity briefs

Watts not rushing to the altar

MARRIAGE Naomi Watts fesses up that she's not in any rush to become Mrs. Liev Schreiber, MSN Entertainment reports.

"Maybe, I don't know," she told the London Sunday Times. "I never say never, but I'm not desperate to get married."

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Spears on costly exercise regime

HEALTH Pop star Britney Spears has lost weight over recent months, but it hasn't come cheap, the Daily Mail reports. The star signed up to a \$22,000 US-a-month diet and exercise regime.

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Sparks vows virginity

MARRIAGE Jordin Sparks has vowed to remain a virgin until her wedding night, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The American Idol winner, 18, even wears a purity ring to show her dedication to her beliefs.

"I don't want to give away bits of my soul to lots of different guys — I want to give all of myself to the right man on the right night, and the right night is my wedding," she said. "You can't say for sure what's going to happen in the

next five years, but I really can't see myself breaking my vow. My family would never let me get out of line and run wild."

Sparks is the latest young star to promise her virginity to the person she weds. The Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus have also reportedly promised to do the same.

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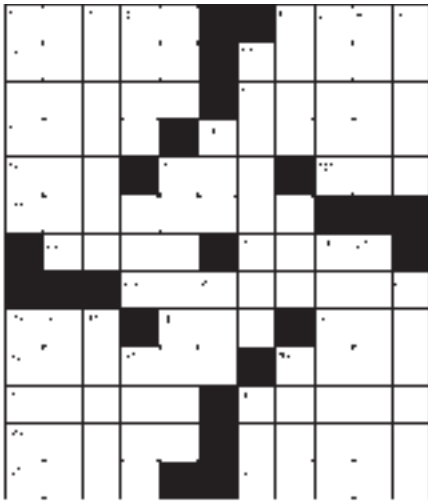


Three's a charm

Ugly Betty actor Christopher Gorham and his wife Anel are expecting their third child, a girl, in January. Their two boys are Lucas, 7, and Ethan, 4. PEOPLE.COM



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- 29 Lamb lament
- 32 Mayday call
- 33 Chapeau
- 34 Unscripted lines

previous day's answer



This day in history

JULY 30, 1932: Walt Disney's *Flowers and Trees*, the first Academy Award winning cartoon and first cartoon short to use Technicolor, premieres.
 JULY 30, 1954: Elvis Presley makes his debut as a public performer.
 JULY 30, 1965: U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Social Security Act of 1965 into law, establishing Medicare and Medicaid.
 JULY 30, 2003: In Mexico, the last "old style" Volkswagen Beetle rolls off the assembly line.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
 13-17 Scholar
 17-21 Smart

previous day's answer

8	2	6	3	9	4	7	5	1
4	3	5	1	7	8	9	6	2
7	9	1	5	6	2	8	3	4
5	8	9	6	2	3	4	1	7
2	6	3	4	1	7	5	9	8
1	7	4	9	8	5	6	2	3
9	4	8	2	5	1	3	7	6
3	5	2	7	4	6	1	8	9
6	1	7	8	3	9	2	4	5

21-25 Not bad
 25+ Keep practising

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A furtive tyrant asks for help. Your behaviour causes you to be feared. Actions will cast doubt on a courageous friend.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A colleague is breaking the rules. A weakling makes an embarrassing confession. A relative knows that you're concerned.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Pay attention and ask questions of a prophet of doom. A woman shows the way to a beloved's heart. Refuse to overuse clichés.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Take responsibility for your principles. A rebel will have an eye-opening story. A secret creates a high level of frustration.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A different way to make money will present itself. A field of dreams is waiting to be built. A pushy guy rants about injustice.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Unclear motives make a request burdensome. A distraction makes you consider your options. A friend is bustling with brainy talk.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Get ready for a wild request. An admirer brings out the best in you. An insecure woman will introduce you to someone.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Take note when magic words are spoken. Take pains to avoid romantic activities. Write down instructions and assess your options.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Be calm with someone who attracts your attention. Your prospects are better after a meeting. Explain a career goal to everyone.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Don't believe everything that is said. An unusual remark won't provide reassurance. A dream leads to the fulfillment of your needs.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A crucial gathering will please a generous partner. Spend time philosophizing with someone at home. A vehicle causes problems.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A male will expose the weakness in a plan. A scary dream will cause you to make plans. A relative is waiting for the door to be opened.

			5			2		
5		9		4			8	
3			6			1		
		6		5	2			1
	8						9	
9			4	8		3		
		1			5			4
	5			6		9		2
		7			1			

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STICKELERS
 by Terry Blashki

What number comes next in this "prime time" sequence puzzle?

8 12 38 38 44 42 48 76 ?

Thursday's Answer:
 316 - 11 and 17

A 2-digit number multiplied by a 2-digit number results in a 4-digit number ending in a 4. The sum of the digits of the 4-digit number is 16. The 2-digit number is the sum of the digits of the 4-digit number. It can't be 11 or 17. But must be 13 or 17. If it's 13, the 4-digit number is 169. If it's 17, the 4-digit number is 289. 169 is the sum of 13 and 13. 289 is the sum of 17 and 17. So the answer is 316.

Edmonton weather

Afternoon

 Variable.
 18°

Tonight

 Clear.
 Low 9°

Thursday

 Sunny.
 21° / 8°

Friday

 Variable.
 22° / 9°

Saturday

 Partly cloudy.
 21° / 10°

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 Low: 10.6°

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 High: 32.2°/1939
 Low: 3.3°/1884

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 Sunset: 9:32 p.m.
 Moonrise: 2:56 a.m.
 Moonset: 8:57 p.m.

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